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Online event

Wednesday, 02 December 2026
14.30 to 16.30 (CET)

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When the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) was adopted in 2002, the United Nations described it as a "new blueprint to face the challenge of an ageing global population". Since then, the UN Regional Commissions have reviewed its implementation every five years. This event asks what tangible difference MIPAA has made at national and regional levels.

This online event will discuss lasting policy changes linked to the implementation of MIPAA and its Regional Implementation Strategy in the UNECE region. Speakers will share examples from different countries and discuss lessons learned. The event will also explore how the new Regional Implementation Strategy, to be adopted in September 2027, can support advocacy and policy implementation.

The event will conclude with an outlook on the UNECE Ministerial Conference and the Joint Forum of Civil Society and the Research Community, both of which will take place in Germany in September 2027.

This is the last event of the series 'An engaged civil society as engine for an age-friendly society: an international exchange', organised by the Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing of BAGSO, the German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations. The series provides a platform for civil society to connect, exchange ideas and stay informed about the latest international developments in ageing policy and the human rights of older persons.

Programme

14.30 **Welcome**

- Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf, BAGSO board member and representative of civil society in the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) of the UNECE
- Ina Voelcker, Head of the Secretariat for International Policy on Ageing at BAGSO

14.40 **MIPAA at 25: origins, ambitions and lessons learned**

- Amal Abou Rafeh, Deputy Branch Chief in the Division for Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (UN DESA)

14.55 **From commitments to results: country examples of MIPAA/RIS implementation**

- Ermira Pirdeni, Albanian Society for All Ages (ASAG)
- Nataša Todorović, Red Cross of Serbia
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15.30 **Wrapping-up the first part**

15.35 **Break**

15.45 **Looking ahead to 2027: shaping the new Regional Implementation Strategy and Ministerial Conference**

- Dr Lisa Warth, Chief of the Population Unit at UNECE and Secretary of the SWGA
- Mareen Nadolny, Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

16.00 **Connecting MIPAA/RIS: where does it fit in the wider ageing-policy and human rights landscape?**

- Alejandro Bonilla Garcia, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva
- Maria Petkova, President of AGE Platform Europe
- Yongjie Yon, Technical officer at WHO Europe

16.20 **Key messages, next steps and closing remarks by the moderators**

16.30 **End**

Moderation: Dr Heidrun Mollenkopf and Ina Voelcker

Organisational information

Languages

Conference languages will be English, French, German and Russian.
Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Registration

Participation in the event is free of charge. Registration via the online registration form is required. Individual registrations by telephone are also possible.
Registration form

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